

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF)
Adrian Sparks) Examiner: Dzung D. Tran
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SERIAL NO.: 09/745,890) Confirmation No. 1275
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FILED: December 21, 2000) Group Art Unit: 2613
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FOR: Load sharing nodes in a network) Customer Number: 23644
utilising shared optical protection)

PETITION FOR A FURTHER MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

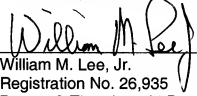
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for a further month extension of time respond to the Final Office Action of July 13, 2006.

Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than January 16, 2007 (as January 13, 2007 being a Saturday and Monday, January 15, 2007 a holiday).

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$570 should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 12-0913.

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